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**DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING**

Alton W. Huffaker
American Consolidated Mining Company
445 East 2nd South, Suite 40
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

RE: Cyanide Heap Leach
Test Operation
Clifton, Utah

Dear Mr. Huffaker:

The Bureau of Water Pollution Control has been informed of problems regarding the operation and clean-up of the above referenced project. Representatives of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining have recently conducted an onsite inspection of the test operation at Clifton, Utah. At the time of the inspection the operation appeared to have been abandoned for a considerable length of time with no evidence of clean-up and the detention ponds still contained cyanide contaminated water.

The Construction Permit issued by this office dated August 31, 1984 stated the understanding that the test operation would be in service for approximately one year and that following the termination of testing all structures must be removed and the area reclaimed. Therefore, American Consolidated Mining Company must neutralize the contaminated water, dispose of the remaining wastewater in a proper manner in an approved location, remove all structures and reclaim the area or they will be in violation of the construction permit and subject to a possible fine under section 26-11-16 of the Utah Water Pollution Control Act of up to \$10,000 for each day the problem remains. Clean-up should be accomplished within 30 days of the date of this correspondence. A letter should be submitted to this office by August 29, 1986 regarding the clean-up and reclamation of the test operation area.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mr. Roger Bishop of my staff.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

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Executive Secretary

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